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PRESIDENT: The question is to adopt the Chambers amendment. All those in favor vote aye. Excuse me, I am on the wrong list here, excuse me. Senator Chambers has just opened on the Mexican-American Commission amendment. The Chair now recognizes Senator Hall, then Senator Marsh, Senator DeCamp, Senator Higgins, and Nichol.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Chambers and his motion to reinstate the Mexican-American Commission. I was one of the people who supported the 2 percent across the board cut in addition to some of the cuts, not all, I think there were about five of the Appropriations Committee's recommendations that I did not support. The Mexican-American Commission was one of those five. Outside of that, I supported everything, those that I may not have liked to but I felt that we as government probably needed to get out of the business of doing. I don't feel that the work that we do through the Mexican-American Commission is something that we need to get out of doing, get out of the business of doing at this time. Senator Warner, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner is available.

SENATOR HALL: We currently are looking at approximately \$15 million in cuts. You have used more than once on this floor the term or the figure of \$50 million revenue shortfall or potential for that. Is it your best guess or estimate that if this package were to go through intact, we would not need to have any across the board cut or any tax increase either now or in a special session later this year?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hall, without exception, without exception, what I have said any time anyone has asked me is that \$15 million was the figure that people had been using. It depends upon 100 percent of projections of revenue. That is the issue. It is not the budget side, it is the revenue side. All we ever said we would bring to the body was an equivalent of an across the board cut. We have never said, I do not say now that it will avoid a tax change. You know, that is a judgment each of you have to make individually. Based on projections, if all that holds up, then the answer is yes. If the projections are at 95 percent instead of 100 percent, then you need to take 40 or 50 million out of